

Springerville Town Council  
Minutes  
October 1, 2008  
6:00 p.m.

Council: Eric Baca Vice Mayor, Bill Lucas and Ron Thebeau

Excused: Mary Nedrow and Phelps Wilkins

Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Tim Shaffery Shaffery-Coronado P.C., Larisa Bogardus  
Community Dev. Dir.

Public: Jennifer Prochnow Chamber Director, Kevin Burk and R.A. Mackenzie

1. The October 1, 2008 meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Baca at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Baca.
3. Public Participation: None
4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Mr. West informed the council that he would be on vacation from Thursday and returning on Tuesday.

Chamber Report: Chamber Director Jennifer Prochnow reported the new chamber sign is ready and there is discussion regarding the Chrome in the Dome event. There is discussion regarding whether they should have the event outside or move it to April and beginning this week the Chamber will be closed on Sundays. She is currently working on the Veterans' Day parade and the coming holiday events.

5. Consent Items.
  - a. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 08 Town Council meeting.
  - b. Accounts payable ratification for the month of August 2008.

Ron Thebeau/Bill Lucas motion to approve consent items 5a-5b.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Bill Lucas
		Ron Thebeau

6. New Business: None
7. Chamber Letter of Support.

Ms. Prochnow reported she is applying for a development grant for signage for both Springerville and Eagar intersections to draw the public into both towns. The letter of support is needed to send in with the grant application.

Bill Lucas/Ron Thebeau motion to authorize the Mayor or Vice Mayor to sign the letter of support for the Development grant.

Vote: Ayes: Eric Baca  
Bill Lucas  
Ron Thebeau

- 8 Proclamation: Discussion and action regarding a proclamation declaring Wednesday, October 8, 2008, International Walk to School Day. The Proclamation in its entirety was read by Vice Mayor Baca.

Mr. West explained that the Town is looking at a Safe Routes to School grant and there are certain grant monies to develop our park and the trail system at the park. The Primary School parents will be dropping their children off and allow them to walk from the Historical Park to the school. There are thirty volunteers who will be walking with the kids.

Ron Thebeau/Bill Lucas motion to approve the Proclamation.

Ms. Bogardus reported that there is no dollar match but we will continue to maintain the trails.

Mr. West explained that the ultimate goal is to get a trail system and figure out a way to link the parks and also put in a physical fitness path and sometime be able to chip seal them.

Councilman Thebeau stated his concern with regard to the safety of the kids walking to school and not having sidewalks. He then asked if there were any plans to connect the systems.

Mr. West said that they would eventually like to develop the areas with the highest uses.

Vote: Ayes: Eric Baca  
Bill Lucas  
Ron Thebeau

9. Joint Town Council Meetings: Discussion and action regarding having joint Springerville & Eagar Town Council meetings with the first topic relating to the consideration of having joint town events to promote tourism.

Mr. West explained that Mayors Nedrow and Holaway suggested the possibility of having a joint council meeting to discuss whether there would be interest by both Towns in sponsoring an event to draw tourist dollars into the communities. He pointed out that in the past there was friction during past meetings but with the change of council members felt that by approaching this with an idea to see if both towns can work with each other. The suggestion was to discuss an event they can do together. Any other agenda items other than this would have to be open to discussion and approval by both councils.

Councilman Thebeau stated this had been tried in the past and it didn't work. He said he didn't want to get bogged down with the business end of their council meetings and suggested that both managers set the particulars and bring to the council members. He didn't see why they needed to have joint meetings.

Mr. West explained that they would set the agenda to one topic. The idea is to unite this and get a better feel of whether both councils can work together. We don't want to do this in a controversial role but with something that is common and benefits both towns. He said he would work with Bill Greenwood and get the agenda items together and the councils can agree to the time to meet. The intent is to work a little closer with our neighbors.

Vice Mayor Baca noted that a lot of things have changed over the past years and we have the attitude to make it good, bad or controversial but feels that it's a positive thing and shows support to talk with our neighbors and share ideas.

Councilman members agreed that they should start out small and come back for discussion and move forward if they wish to continue.

Larisa Bogardus, Comm. Dev. Dir.